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lected. In voting for this place, however, the Board coupled with it the recommendation "that the secretary and officers of the Association make every effort to find a suitable meeting place in the middle west for 1917." And it is not too early to begin to make this effort. The secretary and other officers and members of the Executive Board will warmly welcome suggestions of places which seem worthy of consideration. Write them to the secretary or bring them to Asbury Park with you.

SHAKESPEARE TERCENTENARY AND THE SHAKESPEARE HEAD PRESS

The secretary of the A. L. A. has just received a letter, under date of April 12, from Mr. Frank Pacy, acting honorary secretary of the Library Association, of Great Britain, stating that the Council of that Association are deeply interested in obtaining a successful response to an enclosed appeal, which had been published in "The Spectator" of March 11. The appeal is for the adequate support of the Shakespeare Head Press, which has been so admirably conducted for the past twelve years by Mr. A. H. Bullen. American librarians will most assuredly share in the concern for this worthy enterprise, and so we reprint part of "The Spectator" article herewith. The appeal as there printed is signed by some twenty-eight notable scholars, churchmen and statesmen.

"We are reluctant to add to the multitude of public appeals, but we feel ourselves justified in urging that a modest sum may be found for an excellent purpose as a side-effect of the war, the Shakespeare Head Press at Stratford-upon-Avon should be broken up and the devoted work terminated of its founder, Mr. A. H. Bullen. When about £10,000, or three minutes' cost of the war, will save an undertaking which is an honour to English literature and English typography, to Shakespeare's country and Caxton's country, we strongly hope that the amount named will be provided by the generosity of a single donor

or by wider subscription. The former way would be the better, and, now that the Shakespeare Tercentenary approaches, we need not point out that the name of a single donor would be fitly perpetuated in Stratford-upon-Avon. That is indeed a distinction to which any man or woman might aspire.

"On Mr. Bullen's behalf few words are needed. It is more than a quarter of a century since his publication of rare Elizabethan works began to delight and instruct us. He set up his press at Stratford in no ordinary spirit, but as scholar and printer. He has been in some sense a Caxton of our day. Taking as his text Thomas Fuller's saying that 'Learning hath gained most by those books by which the printers have lost,' he has brought out in distinguished form volumes that would not otherwise have seen the light. Among such things are Gabriel Harvey's 'Marginalia' and Mr. W. J. Lawrence's 'The Elizabethan Playhouse,' representing years of research. The 'Stratford Town Shakespeare,' in ten stately volumes, is for beauty and dignity unique among editions and ennobles any library, private or public, in which it may be found. In all these labours there has been more love than profit; but England has been the gainer.

"There is still much to do that ought to be done. Valuable material lies now almost inaccessible in unprinted MSS. Many of our older writers need to be edited or re-edited. If Mr. Bullen could realize his dream of following his great Stratford Shakespeare by editions of all the Elizabethan dramatists, he would accomplish that which of all things perhaps is most desired by true lovers of books throughout the English-speaking world.

"Mr. Bullen hoped to establish a continuing press for the benefit, now and hereafter, of Shakespearean scholars, British and American, who could not look to have their work published on ordinary commercial terms. He especially wishes to train a younger man to carry on the work eventually. We need not say that all the conditions of sound management for the purposes in view would be served by a properly constituted trust."

Cheques may be sent payable to Lloyds Bank, Ltd., 16 St. James' street, London, S. W., for account Shakespeare Head Press (Sir Edward Brabrook, Hon. Treasurer).